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TOM BURNETT IS ACQUITTED BY JURY

Services for Dead President Be Held Here Today

VERDICT PLEASES CROWD AT TRIAL

The jury in the Tom Burnett case, tried in district court last week, returned a verdict of not guilty Friday morning at eight-thirty o'clock, after being out all night. It is said that a verdict had been reached during deliberations in the night, but the jurymen decided to wait until the court convened on Friday morning. Very few people were in the room at the time. Judge McKinsey, before reading the verdict, warned those in the room against any demonstration, and none was made when the findings of the jury were announced by the court. The companion case, against Mr. Burnett for killing Tom Steele, following the verdict of the jury in the Arthur Steele case, was submitted by the court. Judge McKinsey stated to the jurymen that an agreement between counsel for the state and defense had been made on this proceeding and the case was given the jury upon the same issues and evidence as the Arthur Steele trial. The jury retired to the ante room in the rear of the district court room, returning a verdict of not guilty in a short time.

When Mr. Burnett left the court room a number of people congratulated him. After spending a few hours in the city, he, with his wife and children, left for his home in Paradise.

The Burnett case attracted crowded houses daily throughout the trial, hundreds of citizens of the Paradise community attending the sessions of the court. Sentiment throughout the section in which the Burnetts live, and in Decatur, was strong in favor of the defendant, and the findings of the jury were expected. Messenger readers are familiar with the details of the tragedy in which Arthur and Tom Steele, brothers-in-law of Tom Burnett, were killed by Burnett, after the brothers had been indicted and liberated on bonds on charges of poisoning the well at the Burnett home. Mrs. Burnett, sister of the Steele boys, was dangerously sick, or several days after drinking the water from the well, and Mr. Burnett and one child were attended by a physician, who stated that they had been poisoned by drinking the water. Bad feeling existed between the Steele boys against Burnett on account of Burnett objecting to the Steeles taking over the management of the little estate left by the late P. F. Steele, father of Tom and Arthur Steele and Mrs. Burnett. Mr. Burnett stated on the witness stand that the only interest he had in the estate was to see that his wife's mother had a comfortable living from the estate, and he objected to the Steele brothers managing the affairs, knowing that they would squander the proceeds. This interest on the part of Mr. Burnett angered the Steele brothers and they decided to take the desperate and miserable course of destroying Burnett and his family by poisoning them. Wayne Steele, youngest of the four brothers, admitted before the grand jury that indicted his two brothers, that he had heard Tom and Arthur Steele talk and plot the poisoning and the burning of Burnett's store in Paradise. The boy asked the grand jury to protect him from his brothers after he made the confession, according to testimony of several grand jurors.

When Tom Steele was arrested by Sheriff Workman's department and brought here from Oklahoma, Burnett came to Decatur and appeared before Judge McKinsey with the request that Steele be kept in prison. Burnett stated to the judge that he feared for his life if Steele were liberated on bond. Judge McKinsey told Burnett that the case was a bailable one, and if the bond were made he would be compelled to turn Steele out. The court had not other course to pursue. Immediately after his release from prison, Steele went to Paradise. On the night of his arrival in the little town, Steele with his brothers, Arthur and Buford,

FOOTBALL AT HIGH SCHOOL PROMISING

The outlook is bright for a splendid football team at the high school this fall. Captain John Ford stated yesterday that he expects a number of the last year's team back and a wealth of new material from which a winning squad can be made. The school board is trying to find a man capable of coaching athletics as a member of the faculty, but whether or not such a man is found the football team will be coached by Rush and Blankenship, two former Decatur College players.

The members of last year's squad who will show up for practice on September 1st are Slagle, Petty, Ray, Stokes, McDaniel, Jones, Guthrie, Hughes, Smith and Captain Ford. Among the new material to report will be found some dandy prospects such as McCracken, Spain, Workman, T. Smith, Cates, Nobles, Askey, Reed, Short, Wilhite, Pounds, Ferguson, Melton, Harding and Renshaw.

A good schedule has already been arranged as follows: September 20th or 21st, Sanger at Wise county fair; September 24th, Cleburne at Cleburne; September 28th, Central high at Fort Worth; October 5th, Bridgeport at Decatur; October 12th, Highland Park at Dallas; October 20th, Mineral Wells high at Mineral Wells; October 26th, Bowie at Bowie; November 2nd, Bowie at Decatur.

CROP ROTATION IN COUNTY IS URGED

That which is extrinsically needed now in Wise county farming and pointed to as being a main essential is systematic rotation of crops to ward off the natural enemies of crops and to restore the natural fertility that has been both farmed and washed away.

The improvement of livestock by the elimination of the grade and the scrub sire was indicated as another outstanding need. Field crop variety tests to prove the better varieties and establish the planting of pure and adaptable seeds of all kinds received emphasis in the meeting last Friday of farmers and others interested in the welfare of farming at the chamber of commerce hall in Decatur. Other subjects of essential importance touched upon were co-operation in all matters that affect the farm interest, a program for balanced farming, the economical necessity of producing all possible feeds on the home farm, culling and the production of infertile eggs as appertains to poultry, hot lunches for schools and community canning equipment.

Such attention was given to the various discussions and such interest was evinced in the purpose of the conference that another like it will probably be called in the fall.

ENTERTAINED G. T. CLUB LAST FRIDAY

Mrs. Luther Tucker entertained the young ladies of the G. T. Club last Friday night. After a very pleasant evening, plate refreshments were served to the following members: Misses Modena Burnett, Blanche and Jessie McCracken, Susiewills Sanders, Alice Faulkner and Miss Della Baxter of Wichita Falls.

drove around Burnett's home in a car several times. The Steeles had threatened Burnett, and the threats had been communicated to Burnett by a number of Paradise citizens. J. C. Frost, one of the town's most prominent citizens, told Burnett that the Steeles were seen driving around his home Friday night. Saturday afternoon the Steeles appeared on the streets of Paradise, and while they were congregated on the sidewalk opposite the store of Burnett and near the shop of Burnett's son, Burnett walked across the street and when within a short distance of the Steeles, opened fire with an automatic pistol. Tom and Arthur Steele were killed. Buford and Wayne ran down the street and went home when Burnett opened fire.

A GREATER WISE COUNTY REUNION.

The general announcement of the details of the Wise County Reunion to be held in Joe Wheeler Park on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 22nd, 23rd and 24th, are contained in this issue of the Messenger. The committee has had but a limited amount of time to work but the results show that it has worked rapidly and built up what promises to be one of the most entertaining and attractive events ever held on the historic grounds.

The International Shows, which are contracted for, are recommended to be one of the cleanest carnival companies now on the road. The big merry-go-round—one of the finest in the south—is an acquisition to please the kiddies, and unless the reunion pleases the kiddies the goal of pleasure has not been achieved.

Pickett's big rodeo is destined to bring spasms and thrills to every red-blooded man and woman who reacts to the sensation of dare-devil riding and bronco busting. The redoubtable Pickett may be depended on to organize one of the biggest and best rodeos ever given north of the big events at Fort Worth.

The American Legion is going to deliver three baseball games between its crack organization and one of the fastest teams that can be selected in North Texas. A game a day at four p. m. in the Decatur Baptist College park is the exciting program that awaits the fans of all this section.

The musical features will probably be supported by the efficient company is now popular all over this section. Able speakers will be present to discuss the leading questions of the day. The general plans contemplate a general variety of forms of entertainment, something to please everybody and make a visit worth while.

The committee is encouraging the restoration of the old habit of camping, believing it will render a program that may best be enjoyed by continual presence on the grounds.

CALL CONFERENCE IS WELL ATTENDED

Not since the old regime of farm policy and method began to be changed and amended has there been held such a meeting of farmers and farm women, agricultural specialists and local agents and leaders as last Friday assembled for an all day's session in the chamber of commerce rooms in Decatur.

It was a conference called at the instance of the chamber of commerce and County Agent W. M. Love and the home demonstration agent, Miss Jewell L. Taylor. There was a goodly attendance of representatives from various parts of the county, men and women all elicited a good interest and spirit in the effort. Albert K. Short, agronomist of A. & M. College, and G. L. Crawford, district agent, were present to guide the discussions.

Many problems of Wise county farmers and farm life were brought up for examination and discussion. M. L. Wallace, J. E. Burnett, County Judge Sam Ward and Mack W. Burch indulged in talks that were edifying and well received.

Co-operation between farmers and business men mean better crops.

At the outset of the effort to evolve a program that would suit and gradually eliminate many of the difficulties confronting the farm industry, soil restoration and the terracing of land to prevent washing usurped the attention of those present. Terracing is a great reconstruction process that is rapidly being resorted to to restore Wise county land to fruitfulness and production. The need of community organization in the work of terracing was stressed. This plan involves the buying of the necessary instruments by community donation, after which one individual of the community is instructed in the use of the instruments and does all the work of surveying the lines for the actual terracing work that follows on the old neighborhood plan of each man helping his neighbor. A great deal more work is accomplished under this plan in a given season than occurs under the individual self-help method.

DUMPS OF GRAVEL NARROW HIGHWAY

Some complaint is heard from the motorists about the gravel being dumped along the Meridian Highway between Decatur and Rhome. They say this gravel has been dumped in such a manner that it narrows the road and in a number of places the space in the road has been reduced until two cars can not pass in safety. The gravel has been placed there for repair work on the road. The road below Rhome south is reported to be in ideal condition.

BLEWETT ACCEPTS POSITION AS CLERK

Granger Blewett has accepted the position as chief clerk in County Clerk Jim Belew's office, taking the place of J. Lee Mann, who resigned to move to Oklahoma, where he will enter business. Mr. Mann has been chief clerk since Mr. Belew took over the office, and his work has been most satisfactory. J. Lee is one of the best known men in Wise county, and he numbers his friends by the thousands. He is a native of Wise county, and proud of it, and he has always made a good citizen.

Mr. Blewett is well known to Wise county people, as he has been here "since the woods were afire," and his splendid ability and knowledge of such work equips him to give the patrons of the office good and efficient service.

TAX ON GASOLINE WILL NET MILLIONS

More than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars has been thus far collected by the comptroller's department under the original one cent gallon tax on gasoline act as passed at the regular session of the thirty-eighth legislature. This money is being held by the comptroller instead of being deposited in the state treasury department due to a resolution adopted by the senate some time ago requesting the comptroller to withhold depositing the money in the treasury until it has been determined who is to pay the tax.

This money was collected from the wholesalers, refiners, distributors and retailers under a ruling of the attorney general's department construing the first act passed by the legislature on the subject. The sum collected does not by any means represent all that is due, for the comptroller is sending out a letter to all those subject to the tax to remit for April and May if they have not already done so.

Under the new gasoline tax bill passed at the second called session, and which became effective June 1st, refiners, wholesalers and importers will be required to make reports and pay the tax hereafter. This new bill, however, in no wise releases any dealer from payment for April and May sales, the comptroller advises.

There is a third gasoline tax bill passed at the third called session of the legislature which specifies that only gasoline sold in Texas shall be subject to the payment of the tax of one cent to each gallon sold. An effort to make the law apply on all gasoline sold, whether in Texas or outside the state, but this failed. It is claimed that seventy-five per cent of the gasoline refined in Texas is sold outside of the state. On these sales the refiners will not pay tax.

E. W. BASS LEAVES DRUG STORE HERE

Mr. E. W. Bass this week sold his interest in the Eagle Drug House to Mr. Floyd M. Kenney of this city. The firm is now composed of Messrs. J. E. Stockton, Clarence Reeves and F. M. Kenney.

Mr. Bass leaves soon for Fort Worth, where he has located. For the next two months he will take a post graduate course in lense grinding and optical work with one of the largest optical houses in the south. The departure of Mr. Bass from the Decatur business circles is regretted by Decatur business men and citizens as a whole. He has always proven a worthy and forward looking citizen and a successful and progressive man of business. Mrs. Bass will also be greatly missed in social and church circles, where she is popular.

Mr. Kenney, the new member of the Eagle Drug firm, is a product of Decatur and is well and favorably known in this section as a splendid citizen and a popular business man. He is an experienced druggist, and in joining this firm he is only going back home, as he was formerly employed in this drug house while it was under the management of W. B. Man, under whose expert training he became proficient. Mr. Kenney will prove a valuable addition to this already popular firm or young men, and the pace of progress set by the Eagle Drug House will not be slackened.

REGISTRATIONS OF NEW COUNTY CARS

Antonio Caram, Ford touring car, Bridgeport.
J. C. Barnhill, Ford touring car, Chico.
Dr. W. A. Jennings, Ford touring car, Chico.
L. M. Acheson, Ford touring car, Sidel.
Oliver Bowden, Ford touring car, Decatur.
Pedro Ortega, Ford touring car, Bridgeport.
C. B. Dale, Ford touring car, Chico.
E. C. Dollar, Ford touring car, Decatur.
J. C. C. Gunn, Ford touring car, Decatur.
M. W. Burch, Dodge sedan, Decatur.

SPECIAL ARTICLES IN THE MESSENGER

The consolidation of railroads is one of the most vital current problems. Under the Esch-Cummins law the Interstate Commerce Commission is now engaged in working out a plan for putting all the railroads into a few systems. The president of the United States in several speeches advocated railroad consolidation. A member of his cabinet, Secretary Hoover, wants the government to buy the roads so that they may be put together and then resold to whomsoever might want to buy them. Senator Cummins of Iowa wants to compel consolidation.

Commissioner Walter Splawn of the railroad commission of Texas has been asked by his associates to represent the railroad commission. He has also been requested by commercial interests of Texas to act for their interests in the matter of consolidation that is now pending before the Interstate Commerce Commission. Commissioner Splawn has prepared a series of brief articles in which he traces the development of this movement toward consolidation, states the arguments that have been made in its behalf and against consolidation, gives an account of the work of the Interstate Commerce Commission and its efforts to put the roads together in a few systems, and discusses the objections to such consolidations as have been proposed. Next week the Messenger will publish the first of four articles written by Mr. Splawn concerning the consolidation.

B. F. Manire and family of Altus, Oklahoma, visited relatives here last Friday and Saturday.

CITIZENS TO PAY TRIBUTE TO DEAD

Memorial services will be held this afternoon at two o'clock in the First Methodist church for the departed president of the United States, Warren G. Harding, whose burial will take place in his old home town, Marion, Ohio, today. Mayor J. E. Douglass asks the people to come together and pay fitting tribute to the occasion. The following program will be given:

Song, "Lead Kindly Light," the favorite song of President Harding.
Opening prayer—Rev. J. W. Slagle.
Scripture reading—Rev. J. L. Ward.
Invocation—Rev. L. D. Shawver.
"Harding as Chief Executive"—Congressman Guinn Williams.
Song.
Benediction—Rev. J. L. Ward.

Washington said farewell to President Harding late Wednesday after heaping upon him all the funeral honors that a beloved leader can receive. He has gone, followed by the benediction of a great people, to begin his long sleep at Marion, Ohio.

The final ceremony at Washington was a solemn procession from the capitol, where thousands had looked upon the dead after the state funeral in the rotunda, to the union station, where the funeral train was waiting to begin the last stretch of its sorrowful journey to Ohio.

COW-SOW-AND-HEN PLAN PROFITABLE

Work stock and family feeding livestock on wheat farms as well as on cotton farms can profitably use all the feed produced on a third of the cultivated land. The census revealed some astonishing facts as to the number of cowless, sowless and henless farms in the wheat region. Hessian fly, chinch bugs, smut, boll weevil and boll worms never sucked a cow, stunted a pig or broke an egg. The world economic situation can not affect the profits from producing on every farm enough dairy, pork and poultry products to keep the family well fed. But the supply of feed required by this family feeding livestock must be home grown. That is where the wheat, feed and moisture rotation joins in the work of eliminating cowless, sowless and henless farms in the wheat region.

It does not help much to get peevish about prices for pork products when bought. Ed Herriff, the auctioneer, came boiling into the shop one hot June morning. He had five little strips of bacon which he had just bought, cooked for his breakfast, at a local restaurant. The total weight was one-half ounce and the cost was thirty cents. Since that was at the rate of nine dollars and sixty cents a pound for pork which was brought the producer, on dressed pork basis, about nine and one-half cents a pound, it seemed that the spread of ten thousand per cent between what the farmer got and what the auctioneer paid was a little wide. So Ed concluded that he again will do what he used to do—kill cure and eat his own pork and make that ten thousand per cent himself.

After all, that's the way to eliminate a lot of things which we classify as "profiteering."

Sometimes there is no way around. But every family which lives on the land may entirely evade expenditures for meat, milk, butter and eggs when once a start is made with at least one cow, one sow, two dozen hens and a rooster and home grown feed-stuffs.—Southland Farmer.

Erick Wren, formerly of Boyd and now traveling for the Witherspoon Produce Company out of Wichita Falls, was here Wednesday after a visit to his father at Boyd. Erick is a Decatur Baptist College graduate and is doing some good boosting for D. B. C. while on his rounds.

SINGING FEATURES AT REUNION HERE

The committee selected to form a general county committee to organize the county singing classes for the Wise county reunion met last Saturday and made the following nominations with the request that they meet in Decatur tomorrow, Saturday, afternoon at two o'clock: J. E. Kendrick of Decatur, Roe Shoemaker of Decatur, W. D. Phillips of Decatur, Ed Cates of Decatur, H. M. Derryberry of Decatur, Jim Robertson of Rhame, W. D. Repton of Alvord, T. J. Dodd of Alvord, C. B. Washburn of Greenwood, J. D. Deny of Chico, Marvin Gooch, Boyd, T. J. Privitt, Decatur, John and Charles Sparks of Rhame, George Taylor of Paradise, Clarence Vaughan of Sildell, Wallace Gregg of Sildell, Watt Watsinger of Bridgeport, N. Smith of Cubo, Will Jones of Chico and J. L. Cox of Allison.

PREPARE POULTRY FOR COUNTY FAIR

Miss Myrtle Murray, poultry specialist of A. & M. College, held a most interesting meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Baits, northeast of town, last Tuesday afternoon. The subject of the meeting was "The Preparation of Fowls for the Show Room." Now is the time to begin the conditioning of birds and making plans for a big county fair.

A very clever stunt was given by some of the club girls after the meeting when letters, supposedly written by the two county agents from the short course at A. & M. College, were read. These letters were arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Baits.

"Over the Hill" at Majestic theatre this Friday night. See it!

BACK YARDS MADE BETTER

Contest Spurs Boys and Girls of Findlay to Beautify Their Home Surroundings.

More than 100 back yards of Findlay, O., now look better than most Findlay front yards as a result of an idea of Council President Frank J. Collingwood, whose hobby is attractive environments for the home.

Mr. Collingwood enlisted the support of the local Rotary club and the Chamber of Commerce in what he termed a "better back yard" contest as a means of heightening juvenile interest in Findlay in improved yards and home surroundings, and at the same time bettering the community's outside appearance.

A list of eleven prizes was announced for the contest—one a grand prize for either a boy or girl, five for boys and five for girls. Mr. Collingwood himself furnished the money for the prizes, to the extent of several hundred dollars.

The Chamber of Commerce took charge of the routine of the contest and when the lists closed for entrants there were a score more than 100 in the race for the coveted awards.

The contest lasted a little over a month, in which miracle transformations were wrought in many back yards in the city, by the youthful contestants. Working entirely alone, boys and girls in many instances, the judges reported, had to start with nothing but dump heaps, rough, weed-covered plots and the like. But hoes, rakes and shovels, coupled with a generous amount of energy and above all a desire to win one of the eleven prizes brought results, which were remarkable, according to the judges.

In making the awards, it wasn't alone the neatness of the yards that counted, but the condition of the yard at the start was taken into consideration as well and the progress that was made had a great deal to do with the award. Gardens were a part of the required work.

"There must be some real value in yard beautification, or large concerns wouldn't spend thousands of dollars in it every year," said Mr. Collingwood in presenting the prizes. "In fact, I am told it does pay real interest on the investment in better satisfied employees who like attractive environments in which to work."

BUILT IT WITH POTATOES

How the Citizens of Patricia, Alberta, Obtained Their Much Needed Town Hall.

Patricia needed a town hall. Being only two years old, this was a problem to the infant village in the southern Alberta prairies. Ways and means were discussed. It was finally decided to build it with potatoes.

Twenty acres were plowed and planted to spuds. Breaking the land, seeding and cultivating were all done by volunteers. Everybody took a hand. The community potato patch now promises a heavy crop.

The entire town tends it. When the first potato plant peeped above ground it was a municipal event. The town fathers called a mass meeting to take action when a vagrant rooster scratched up a plant. Discovery of a weed that had escaped the community hoes caused as much excitement as a fire alarm. The potato patch is looked after as tenderly as if it were the town's baby.

Two years ago the entire country about Patricia was open prairie with not a human habitation in the round of the horizon. The first house was built in 1932. Today there are 20,000 acres under cultivation.

EIDSON SPEAKS ON KLAN IN DECATUR

A large crowd gathered on the court house lawn on last Tuesday night and heard Rev. M. C. Eidson of San Antonio discuss the subject, "Shall America, the Queen of All Nations, be Ruled by the Pope of Rome or by Jesus Christ?" The speaker made a forceful argument against the domination of the government by the pope and his cohorts. He gave many examples of the influence being exerted along this line in this country and plead that the Protestants of the nation awake to the danger which is threatening our government and our vast public school system.

Rev. Eidson also expounded the principles of the Ku Klux Klan and told how that organization is now endeavoring to protect the American government from the insidious encroachment of foreigners. He stated that the Klan was first of all for the religion of Jesus Christ, and that it stood four-square behind this government and the cherished system of public schools.

The remarks of the speaker were well received by the large audience, and he was the recipient of many compliments upon his address. Rev. Eidson is well and favorably known here, having assisted in several meetings here during the past few years. He is now pastor of the Beacon Hill Baptist church of San Antonio, one of the strongest Baptist churches in that city.

LETTER CARRIERS OF STATE IN MEET

Wise county rural letter carriers were represented at the state association at Temple this week by L. N. Nichols, Eldon Williamson, W. W. Brown and J. E. Kendrick of Decatur; W. P. Finley of Alvord; and Clarence Vaughan of Sildell. These gentlemen report the best meeting ever held by the carriers of the state. They state that nothing was left undone by Temple in the way of entertainment, and they make special mention of the courtesies shown by the Temple Telegram and the Temple chamber of commerce.

W. W. Brown of Decatur, responded to the welcome address, expressing his surprise to find Temple and Central Texas "such a fine country." "We thought that we were going too far south for the convention but I find that Temple is only centrally located and not too far south or too far north. If there were to be a convention in New York City, delegates might come from twelve different states and still not travel as far as some of us have traveled."

"The association is good socially because it makes us feel that we are really brothers but it also has its advantages in an educational way for improving the service we render. We should not abuse the privilege we are given of meeting together for it is only when privileges are abused that they are taken away. In our meetings we should ask only what is just and right of our patrons and our department, for such things are for the good and improvement of the service."

He concluded his talk with a discussion of the rural carriers' equipment allowance which is being urged for passage by congress, the ways carriers may improve their service and the things they should do to have their patrons help them improve the service. "There is a way to have the commissioner fix up the road and there is a way to talk to the patron and have him fix up his mail box and help better the service he gets. It is for us to go to the patrons in the right way so that they will appreciate the worth of the rural free delivery service, for many of them never think what it would mean to be without it."

Mr. Bron was elected one of the national delegates from Texas, being the second on the list elected, which proves his popularity among the carriers of the state. J. E. Kendrick was a member of the committee on by-laws.

The next session of the association will be held at Brownwood.

Jack—"What kind of a fellow is Blinks?" Bill—"Well, he is one of those fellows who always grab the stool when there is a piano to be moved."

Mistress (to Mary, about to be married)—"And where did you meet your young man, Mary?" Mary—"Oh, at uncle's funeral, mum. He was the life and soul of the party."

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EXPLAIN MYSTERY OF BANK BUSINESS

Soon there will not be much left to be puzzled about, at the rate the general public is being let into the secrets of things, and now along comes the American Bankers' Association with a plan for taking the mystery out of banking. Thru its committee on public education it is giving a series of lectures in the schools thruout the country and publishing a series of articles explaining just how and why banks work. The first of these, which make mighty interesting reading, says:

The bank plays such an essential part in the life of every community that everyone ought to have a clear conception of what it is and why it goes hand in hand with human progress. One of our large city bankers, whose boyhood had been spent in a small town, was recently telling some friends about his early ideas concerning banks. To his youthful mind the town bank was merely a larger model of the small dime bank he kept at home. He believed that the larger bank was just a good, safe strong box in which people could deposit their money. Each day the boy saw people leave their money in care of the bank, the duty of which he supposed to be the protection of the money until it was again needed, when the depositors could draw it out.

Very soon certain thing began to puzzle this small boy, for he knew that the officers and clerks of the bank were drawing salaries. One day he asked his father some questions about the bank. The boy's first question was: "Father, if a man takes a hundred dollars to the bank today, can he go to the bank tomorrow and draw it all out again?" "Every cent of it," said the father. "Then," said the lad, "I want to know how a bank can make any money for itself and pay salaries and the other expenses." The father gave the following answer:

"When our bank was organized, the gentleman chosen as president, because he was one of our leading business men, asked me to buy some shares of stock at one hundred dollars each. I had hoped for a long time that a bank would be organized in our town. For years the men who were operating the iron mills had to send to a neighboring city for money to pay their employees. Our merchants had always had difficulty in taking care of the money received in their business, and there had been no place for the people's money. I was glad to buy some of the shares. In a short time, the president told me that fifty thousand dollars had been paid in by different people of the town buying shares. This money made up what is called the capital stock. The capital stock, in addition to furnishing money with which to start a bank also serves as a protection to all those who place their money on deposit."

"The bank opened for business and soon deposits came in from the merchants, manufacturing plants, lodges, farmers, churches and other organizations, boroughs and townships, wage earners and women and children, until at the end of the first month about one hundred thousand dollars had been deposited. The bank then had fifty thousand dollars supplied by its stock-holders and one hundred thousand dollars which belonged to its depositors, or a total of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. The capital stock and the deposits are referred to as liabilities of a bank."

"Now listen closely," continued the father. "While it is true that the depositors could go to the bank the very next day and draw out all they had previously put in, experience has shown that this is never done by all depositors at the same time. Therefore, the bank does not need to keep on hand all the money that is brought in, but only enough to pay those who may wish to draw out part or all of their deposits. Since every depositor tries to keep a fair-sized balance in

J. A. JONES BRINGS FIRST BALE TO CITY

Decatur's first bale of cotton for the 1923 season was brought in last Tuesday by J. A. Jones of the Oliver Creek community. The bale was ginned complimentary by the Fort Worth Cotton Oil Company gin and weighed five hundred and twenty pounds. It was bought by E. L. Brandenburg and the price paid for it was twenty-three and a half cents.

President W. A. Hughes of the local chamber of commerce made up a premium of thirty-five dollars, which was presented to Mr. Jones by the business men of the city.

Mr. Jones brought in the first bale last season.

the bank there is always more money on hand than is needed to pay those who are drawing against their deposits. The law requires that the bank keep a certain percentage of the deposits in its vaults in actual cash. This cash is called the bank's reserve. At the end of the first month, let us say, the bank had in its safe, as reserve, about twenty thousand dollars. There should always be enough cash held by the bank to take care of the normal amounts of money needed by its customers.

"What does the bank do with its capital stock and with the balance of deposits in excess of the cash held as its reserve? Part of the money from the sale of shares of capital stock of course, had to be spent for the bank building and its equipment, which cost about twenty thousand dollars. The balance of the capital stock would be thirty thousand dollars. The balance of the deposits in excess of the reserve at the end of the first month was eighty thousand dollars. This was one hundred and ten thousand dollars in all. It was invested or loaned out at interest to business people of good standing who promised to repay the money to the bank in thirty, sixty or ninety days. The interest on these investments and loans provides the earnings of the bank, out of which salaries and other expenses are paid. This practice of loaning money is called discounting or giving credit. Credit is what the bank deals in. Just as the merchant buys and sells goods, so the banker buys and sells money and credit."

"The assets of a bank, just as in the case of a store or other business, are the property owned by the bank. They are cash on hand, promissory notes representing the money loaned out at interest to borrowers, bank building, etc. In like manner the liabilities are what the bank owes to others—to the stock-holders, to the depositors, etc. As the town grows and the business of the community expands, the deposits of the bank become larger and other banks organize. No matter how large our great city banks become, they are organized and conducted upon the same principle and for the same purpose as the bank in the small town."

"Scarcely anywhere is there a financial transaction in which the bank does not have a direct or an indirect part, either thru the stock-holders, the management or the depositors. Every successful business personage makes use of the bank for borrowing money, for the safe-keeping of money valuable and in other ways. The wonderful strides our country has made in the field of commerce can be accounted for largely by the manner in which the banks have been made use of by the people. As anyone cultivates the habit of saving and handles savings and all other transactions thru the bank, he is being a real help to his community because the bank is the reservoir into which flow the savings of the people of the community, to be used by the banker in helping to develop the industry and life of the community. The bank helps the people to succeed, and the community to progress."

Mrs. P. O. Saunders is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jeff Sweet, in Fort Worth.

DR. GILBERT USING BEST PREPARATION

I am using Ferrasol for indigestion and acid stomach and it is the best preparation I have ever taken. I also recommend it in my practice for pyorrhea and acid condition of the mouth and am getting excellent results. I know others will appreciate Ferrasol as much as I do if you will bring it to their attention. Yours very truly—Dr. J. M. Gilbert, 1413 1/2 Elm street, Dallas, Texas. Fifty cents per box at Sanders & Ingram, druggists.—Adv.

Inquisitive Old Gentleman—"And what are you digging for, my good man?" Digger—"Money." Old Gentleman—"You don't say! And when do you expect to find it?" Digger—"Saturday night!"

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CLEAN TOWELS

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Tell Your Community--and Keep Telling 'em

—Every man, woman and child that has one cent of non-interest bearing and unsecured deposit in this bank has same guaranteed by the guaranty fund system of Texas—which system has a membership of over nine hundred banks with approximately sixty-five million dollars capital and total resources of two hundred and twenty-five million dollars. This big system has been in operation in Texas twelve years, under which plan no non-interest bearing or unsecured depositor has ever lost a dollar. This system has just passed thru one of the very hardest depressions, following the world war, the country has ever known—and stood the test and met its obligations by paying one hundred cents on the dollar.

—Therefore this bank offers you absolute safety without a doubt or a single moment's worry!

—We pay interest on time deposits.

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Last year this company spent over a million dollars in improvements to its plant. We thought that expenditure would prepare us for two years' supply of natural gas, and that our improvements would be relatively light this year.

But the opportunity was offered us to connect with a new source of supply in the western part of our territory. Just at this time we really did not need this gas, but we consider it part of our duty to the people of Texas to look ahead.

So we are now engaged in making this connection, at a cost that will approximate

One and a Half Millions

That is more than we spent last year—much more than we had intended to spend.

We call your attention to this so that you may see we are performing the duties that pertain to our side of the partnership with the people of Texas. Long ago this company realized that its one big purpose should be to provide the best possible service, relying upon our partners to justify the expense.

That this course is correct is shown by the happy state of mutual confidence now existing.

LONE STAR GAS CO.
DALLAS, TEXAS

COMMUNITY ADVERTISING

—An automobile with a poor transmission or a watch with a faulty hair-spring is of little value.

—So a community with a poor service from its public utilities is badly advertised and is likely to fall out of line with the good towns.

—Consider the advertising value of a community when its citizens can say that its electric light, telephone, water and gas service is good.

—But poor public utility service is like a red light stop stop signal to an investor who is seeking a location.

Decatur Light & Water Co.

HARDING IS SIXTH PRESIDENT TO DIE

Five presidents of the United States besides Harding—Harrison, Lincoln, Taylor, Garfield and McKinley—died before finishing their terms.

William Henry Harrison, a whig, died one month after his inauguration in 1841, and was succeeded by John Tyler, democrat, who served out the remainder of the term.

General Zachary Taylor, elected as a whig in 1848, died in 1850, after serving one term, four months and five days.

Abraham Lincoln, first republican president, after serving a full term from 1861 to 1865, was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth in Ford's theatre, Washington, on April 14th, 1865, one month and eleven days after beginning his second term.

James Garfield, a republican, was shot on July 1st, 1881, by Charles J. Guiteau in the Baltimore & Ohio railroad station on September 19th, 1881 six and one-half months after beginning his term.

William McKinley, republican, after serving nearly a full term, was shot at Buffalo by Louis Czolgosz on September 6th, 1901, and died on September 14th.

R. D. ELLIOTT SAVES LIFE BY FERRASAL

I feel that your preparations, particularly Ferrasol, saved my life. I was advised by some of the best doctors in Dallas to have an operation for gall stones. I started taking Ferrasol and in one week's time I could eat again. It has cured me. I believe it will cure any case of stomach or bladder trouble if taken properly.—R. D. Elliott, 112 North Crawford street, Dallas, Texas. Fifty cents per box at Sanders & Ingram, druggists.—Adv (23-ft)

IMMIGRATION LAW WILL BE CHANGED

It is believed in the capital that President Harding will recommend to congress next December that a drastic "anti-immigration boot-legging bill" be enacted into law.

Secretary of Labor James J. Davis has gone to Europe to visit France, Poland, Roumania, Czechoslovakia, and other of the Balkan states, Belgium and England, to make a first hand study of immigration conditions. He has drafted a bill providing for the enrollment of all aliens in the United States, and it is this provision, the immigration officials believe, that will operate in large measure to prevent illegal entrance of immigrants. Under the present law immigrants going thru Ellis Island and other ports are virtually dumped into the flowing stream of humanity to go when and where they please, with no opportunity on the part of the government check up on them. There are said to be more than one million aliens in the United States at this time who should be deported as undesirable, either because of mental or physical disability or because of their anarchistic views.

Enrollment of aliens will give the government authority and opportunity to search out aliens who have come into the country illegally as well as to prevent many thousands of foreigners from seeking entrance to the United States before they embark from European or Asiatic ports.

With registration many thousands would learn before they took passage that they would not be permitted to come in. Moreover, with inspection and registration at foreign ports, the undesirable would not be permitted to sail. Nearly fifty per cent of the patients in the insane asylums of the United States are aliens who have come into this country suffering from mental or incurable diseases. All this will be avoided, it is said, if the registration and enrollment are required and registration will minimize smuggling into the country of aliens.

Kill the Chigger.

Fish are now biting fine; also the chiggers and mosquitoes. Take along a bottle of Quick-Kill Chigger Lotion. It kills the chigger; stops the itching; heals the bite. Sold by SANDERS & INGRAM, Decatur, BOBO DRUG STORE, Rhame, ACKER DRUG STORE, Sidel, DAVIS DRUG STORE, Greenwood, WREN DRUG STORE, Boyd, CITY DRUG STORE, Alvord.

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Will make your loans
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SUMMER HEAT

wears down strength
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Scott's Emulsion

refreshes the system
RESTORES VITALITY

CHASE FLIES FROM YOUR MILCH COWS

Don't expect the cow to keep up a good flow of milk if she constantly is pestered by flies. Milk cows are so constituted that a disturbance makes itself evident in a decrease in their milk flow. Flies can be controlled by sanitation and sprays. A liberal use of lime around the barn will help keep down flies and the value of lime as a fertilizer is not materially lessened by being spread on the land in manure. Spraying the cows with fly repellents is effective. There are many good mixtures on the market, but the great objection is the expense. Mixtures practically as effective and more economical can be made on the farm.

A cheap solution that gives good results is made from kerosene emulsion as follows: One-fourth pound of laundry soap dissolved in one-half gallon of soft water; bring the water to a boiling point, add one gallon of kerosene and emulsify by stirring vigorously. This mixture, diluted with three gallons of water, will spray thirty-five to forty cows.

Another good spray is made with the following ingredients: Three pounds of laundry soap, one and one-half quarts of tar, three quarts of kerosene, three quarts of whale oil, four and one-half quarts of fish oil and four and one-half quarts of coal tar dip; the soap is dissolved in water as in the preceding mixture, and the other ingredients added. This can be diluted with thirty gallons of water and used as needed.

A solution for the horn fly is made by dissolving one pound of fish oil soap in two gallons of hot water. Add four gallons of crude oil and emulsify by mixing vigorously; add five teaspoonfuls of nicotine sulfate. One gallon of this solution can be diluted with four gallons of water.

These solutions give best results if used in a spray, but can be applied with a brush or sponge. It is best to spray twice daily, but if this is not possible the best results are obtained by spraying before milking time in the afternoon.

Old Gentleman (engaging a new chauffeur)—"I suppose I can write to your last employer for your character?"

Chauffeur—"I'm sorry to say, sir, each of the last two gentlemen I have been with died in my service."

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Office of Comptroller of the Currency

Washington, D. C.,

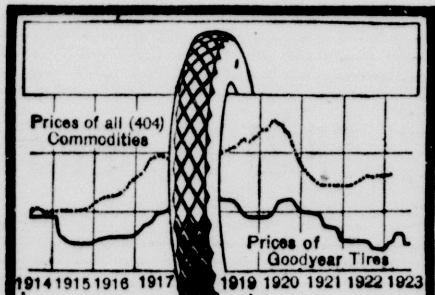
July 21st, 1923.

Whereas, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned it has been made to appear that "the First National Bank of Paradise" in the town of Paradise, in the county of Wise and state of Texas, has complied with all the provisions of the statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence business of banking;

Now therefore, I, Henry M. Dawes, comptroller of the currency, do hereby certify that "the First National Bank of Paradise" in the town of Paradise, in the county of Wise and state of Texas, is authorized to commence the business of banking as provided in section fifty-one hundred and sixty-nine of the revised statutes of the United States.

Conversion of the Paradise State Bank, Paradise, Texas.

In testimony whereof witness my hand and seal of office this twenty-first day of July, 1923.—HENRY M. DAWES, Comptroller of the Currency (Aug 3-Sept 28)



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GOOD YEAR

GOOD PROGRESS ON ROADS OF COUNTRY

The 1923 road construction season opens with the prospect that there will be about the same amount of road construction as last year, which was a very satisfactory one, according to the bureau of public roads, United States department of agriculture.

Return from twenty-one scattered states show that in these states there will be available two hundred and eighty-eight million dollars for road work as compared with two hundred and seventy-three million dollars as spent in the same states last year. On federal aid work, which constitutes something like half of the total construction, there was under construction March 31st work estimated to cost two hundred and fifty-eight million dollars as compared with two hundred and thirty-three million dollars twelve months previous.

Wages of labor are generally a bit higher than a year ago, with the exception of a Pacific coast, where the same rate prevails. The greatest increase in New England, where the present level is approximately thirty per cent higher than the level of a year ago.

The general outlook is considerably better than a year ago, when the railroad and coal strikes loomed as disturbing factors. Added to this is the fact that the designation of the system of federal aid highways is now completed in thirty-three states and practically complete in most of the others. With a definite program for accomplishment laid out road work can proceed much more smoothly.

From latest reports it appears that thirty states now tax gasoline as compared with four states at the beginning of 1921. Most of the revenue derived goes for road purposes, and bureau officials regard this as a step in the right direction. With road users paying a more equitable share of cost, highway finance is placed upon a firmer foundation.

Keeping Young.

When it comes to growing older, I suppose I'm on the way. As a risk for life insurance, I've a higher rate to pay; I know my years by number, and the figure I behold. Is one that in my twenties I considered rather old; But I whistle and I chuckle like the boy who used to be, And I'll tell the world this morning time has made no dents in me.

I'm as keen for playing baseball as I was in ninety-two. I could swing a bat and hit 'em in the way I used to do; Let the life insurance fellows say my hair is turning gray. And each year I'm getting older, I can't see it just that way. For when I get to thinking of myself, somehow I find I've always got the picture of the youngster in my mind.

I don't think of me as aging. At the years have lightly flown. And I've never stopped to count them or the burdens I have known; I go laughing down life's pathway still the boy I used to be. And what if night-time finds me with a youngster on my knee. And what if people tell me that I'm getting old and gray? I am just as young as ever—anyhow I feel that way!—Edgar Guest.

SUICIDE IS FOOLISH SO WRITES SKYGAK

It seems now-a-days that when a young man is disappointed in love the first thing he thinks about is to take a rope or gun and go out and lynch himself. This is a very foolish and fatal practice, and if the young man would stop and think for a minute he would readily see just how foolish it is. When a person has lynched himself thoroughly dead he rarely, if ever, recovers from it, and in case he does he doesn't really amount to anything much afterward. A real good job of lynching generally proves fatal, and for this reason, if for no other, the young man should at least use caution in committing the act. If, however, he is so badly busted up he feels that all is vanity and vexation of spirit, and that the balance of his life will be a total loss unless he kills himself, our advice to him is to use a soft rope or blank cartridges—never jump in the creek and drown himself, for it would be criminal foolishness to spoil a whole creekful of good water just to get rid of one worthless life. No young man has a right to lynch himself just because one girl has turned him down. There are plenty other girls left that are not so hard to please.

Let us take for instance, a little episode of our own life during our teens. We were disappointed in love and turned down hard enough to jar us loose from all our nearest of kin. The fair recipient of our ponderous affection was a school mate of ours and we loved her madly, odorously and universally. Did we pine away and kill ourself when she refused our love? No—we are still here and can prove it. It is true the blow staggered us somewhat, but by a liberal use of home remedies we pulled thru. We would not have minded it so much if we had not done so much for her. We had carried permission to her by the bushel and had seen them disappear down her throat like sand pouring into a rat hole. We had gathered "sunflower gum" for her by the pound and had chewed stretch-berries into the sticky stuff by the mouthful until our jaws refused to work, and our face was smeared over like the skimming tub of a molasses mill. We had sharpened a wagon load of pencils for her and loaned her forty-seven pocket knives, none of which we ever got back—and yet her love was fickle. One day we would be shouting our joy from the house-top and the next day be in the slough of despondency three feet below the side-walk. Our whole life was given over to perfecting a scheme whereby we could get on iron-bound cinch on her love and hold it. Finally, one day in a sudden burst of generosity and despair, we brought and laid in her big rusty hands our dearest earthly possession, a little green and red striped lizard, which we had raised from its infancy. When the fair damsel saw the tears roll down our cheeks as we gave up our most cherished earthly possession, she was brought to a realization of the depth of our love for her and threw her long rusty arms around our neck and gave us a kiss that had a thrilling kick like that of a rattlesnake bite. We were lifted up to a high elevation and walked among the clouds for several days.

But alas! Our joy was short lived. A boy named Bill came by one day with a June bug tied to a string and the fair fickle damsel gave back our lizard, spurned our love and followed after Bill and his bug. Did we lynch ourself? Not by a jugful!—Skygak

Startling Facts.

Texas potentially is the greatest undeveloped empire in the world. It is big enough and large enough and strong enough and powerful enough to live with herself—given a few more factories, more mills and manufacturing plants.

In this state the raw resources are produced. In other states they are made into the finish products. They are shipped back to Texas. Texas people buy them and pay a big increase. They also pay the shipping costs both to and from the state where their materials were milled.

Texas is potentially the wealthiest section of the United States. In the United States it is conceded to be the wealth of world centers. Americans are looked upon as spend-thrifts and America is regarded as a spend-thrift nation.

Texas, then, is in a fair way to become the richest spot in the world. She must develop her resources. She must build factories. Her farms must be made more productive thru extensive irrigation. Her cities must be made greater thru more factories. Her cotton farmers must be made prosperous by bringing the mill into close proximity with the field and the gin.

Today in Texas these startling facts are true. If you don't think so, just investigate and find out for yourself. If all the people of the United States were to move to Texas, its population per square mile would not exceed that of Massachusetts.

Texas is one and one-fourth times as large as the German empire was before the war.

Texas has more farms than any other state in the union—four hundred and seventeen thousand. Texas has twenty-four thousand farms that contain five hundred acres each.

The farmers of Texas spend sixteen million dollars annually for agricultural implements.

Uncultivated area of Texas could support all the people of the United States, using as a basis of calculation

two acres per capita, which is the world's average.

Eighteen per cent of the world's cotton crop is produced in Texas. In Texas there are four thousand six hundred and seventy gins, a hundred and thirteen compresses, two hundred and twenty-eight cotton seed oil mills and twenty cotton mills.

Still, some of us rail at fate and swear the south doesn't get a square deal, when all these years the south has been cutting her own throat by a criminal neglect of her resources. It is time for Texas to wake up—time to get busy.—Exchange.

She (seated in park)—"Oh, Bob, we'd better be going. I'm sure I felt a rain drop."

He—"Nonsense, dear, we're under a weeping willow."

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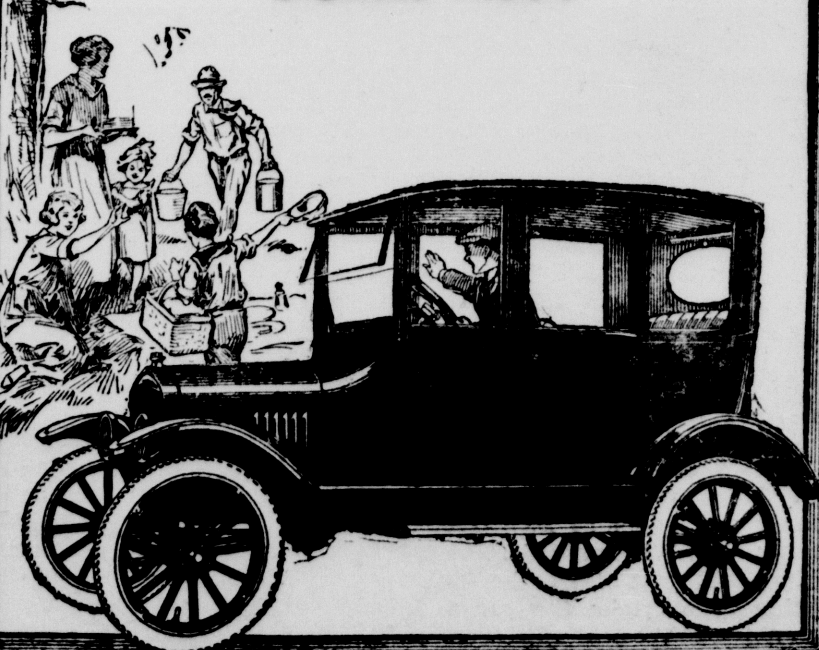
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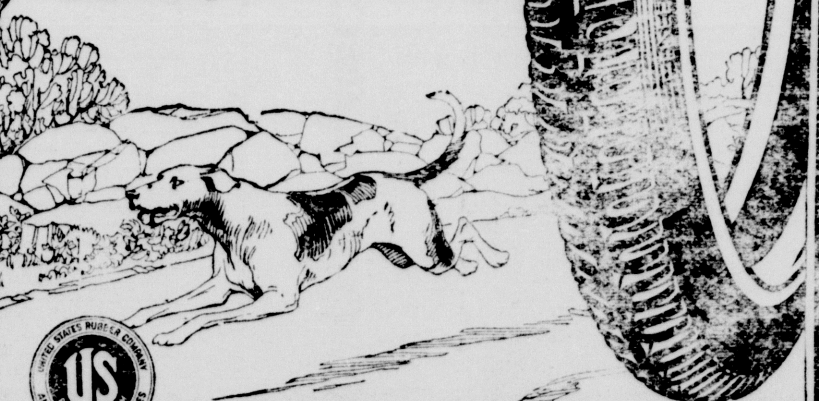
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President Coolidge states he will carry out the Harding policies.

The root of all evil does a man very little good when it comes from the family tree.

Rodeo and wild west show at the old soldiers' and pioneer settlers' reunion at Joe Wheeler Park August 22nd, 23rd and 24th. Big doin's.

Make your arrangements to come to the Joe Wheeler Park reunion on August 22nd, 23rd and 24th—three big days of big doings. Your neighbors are coming.

Hides are as cheap as dirt, while shoes are high. The fellows who take charge of the hide after it leaves the hands of the original owner undoubtedly slip something to it.

The devilish republicans are making preparations to hold onto the princely positions. The good Lord is expecting every palpitating patriot in the ranks of His democratic party to do his duty!

No doubt the girls in Mineral Wells have elaborate wardrobes. No question about it; but they are saving for future use. They are not wearing many clothes now, remarked a prudent citizen of Decatur after his return from the famous health resort.

It is said that a pound of pluck is worth a ton of luck. Probably so, Watso, but we'll wager dimes against cream puffs that a brutal democratic majority of the oil operators in this section will swap enough of the afore-said pluck for a small quantity of the last named luck.

Wonderful Wise has not come forward with an oil field, but listen, honey; the water-melon is smilin' on the vine, and the cotton crop looks mighty good. In other words, the sublime old county is moving along sweetly and serenely, thank you, without an oil boom. Come to Wise.

The perpetual howl of radicalism is that it is the sole voice of liberalism—that devotion to social progress is its field alone. These men would assume that all reform and human advance must come thru government. They have forgotten that progress must come from the steady lift of the individual and that the measure of national idealism and progress is the quality of idealism in the individual.

We have been invited to be a guest of Colonel Holland of the Farm and Ranch, during his big entertainment of the Texas Editorial Association on the coast. We have been promised everything, and assurance is made that everything will be there. Having had some experience with the morning after, we have been slow in accepting the kind invitation. May decline and take ours from the reports given of the affair by State Press and Bill Edwards.

Now comes the report that certain high-toned Englishmen in the society circles in London are snubbing the Vanderbilts who are descendants of people who were poor and lived by catching fish and cooking them over drift-wood fires along streams in New York state in the early days. It is terrible for the present day breed of Vanderbilts to face the awful charge, but late reports say they are holding their own and taking nourishment with clock-work regularity.

Five fines for speeding between Fort Worth and Millsap Mountain at the west boundary of Park county is the record of a Dallas man Sunday afternoon who crossed the western border with a handful of speed cop tickets and receipts for fines paid. The party was in an eight-cylinder car and his first arrest, according to a ticket he held, was in Arlington Heights. Another ticket indicated that the Benbrook officers had succeeded in overhauling the speeding car. He was caught in East Parker county and again as he neared the county seat, Weatherford. The speed officer just west of Weatherford was unable to overtake the car and he was not caught again until he reached Millsap.

Speeders Against Cop.

A medal is offered for the speeder who has a good opinion of a duty performing traffic motor cop. Find one and he will be publicly decorated.—Wise County Messenger.

There you are. People rail at the automobile "demons" and the fact that the highways are being torn up and the roads made unsafe for those who must use them. But put a duty performing motor cop on and let him make a few arrests, and what a squeal goes up! What are the laws for except to be enforced? If thirty-five miles an hour is not fast enough for a motorist to go, how fast does he want to go? We believe that if a motorist stays well within the provisions of the traffic laws he will not be bothered by a motor cop. If he doesn't stay within the law, what right has he to "holler" if he gets pinched?—Denton Record-Chronicle.

Spirits or Smoke?

A few days ago Mr. Gill took a box of eggs to Jones Brother for Charley Jones to take home to put under a hen. Charley sat them on the safe and forgot to take them home. On Wednesday Charley heard a little chicken and went and looked and one of the eggs had hatched and all the rest were pipped.—Chico Review.

Is it the intense heat, Alec; or, did it result from taking on board too much spirits; or, is the old pipe out of line of duty? True, the heat has been terrific, and many perfectly good editors in this section of the imperial state had symptoms of brain storm when the sun was beating down on man and beast alike for about one-ten in the shade. And, it is recorded in the statistician's book that spirits—the king which corn will give up when properly treated—taken in uneven and broken doses will cause a man, a perfectly good man, to behold strange sights and dream outlandish dreams. Then, we have the records, bound in morocco and printed in bold ten-point type, which carry the information that excessive smoking will cause the brain cells in the dome of noble man to become clogged and drowsy and the vision to become impaired by "things" trooping before the eye. What's the trouble, Alec? Which route are you taking, and why?

Will America Consent?

Both France and England are now anxious to avoid a rupture over the Ruhr situation and Belgium really holds the key. France now seems willing to go part way to end the dead-lock, providing England can do the bargaining with Germany. The essence of the plan now under consideration is that Germany should pay during the next ten to fifteen years twenty-six billion gold marks to France, five billion to Belgium a few billions to other countries and annuities to England to enable England to pay America.

This makes a comparatively small sum which Germany might extinguish in ten to fifteen years. Only afterward would the financial situation of the European countries be reviewed for the purpose of ascertaining what sums Germany should still pay on behalf of European debts to England and America. The probability is that conditions would be so changed that accounts could be closed up. This means that France would expect no claims from America for ten years. Europe could certainly obtain an economic settlement on this basis.

But would America consent? That is one of the questions that Secretary of the Treasury Mellon may have to meet while conferring with European politicians and financiers.

Farmer-Labor Coalition

Some statistical shark has discovered that it requires seven hundred and sixty-two eggs to pay a union plasterer for one day's work of eight hours.

That is requires seventeen and a half bushels of corn to pay a union brick layer for one day's work.

That it requires the out-put of fourteen cows, milked and fed for twenty-four hours, to pay a union plumber for a day's work.

That it requires a hog weighing a hundred and seventy-five pounds representing eight month's feeding and care, to pay a union carpenter for a day's work.

Which shows that the average organized farmer partner of the average organized laborer in the farmer labor political coalition is working on an average of at least seven days to pay the wages of his political partner.

Now let's not draw any hasty conclusions. Examination will disclose that the farmer ought in common fairness to receive higher prices for his products. But it will also disclose that the organized laborer is receiving entirely too much for the work he is producing; so much in excess, he has become a decided handicap to his political partner, the farmer.

And it will also disclose that the organized laborer in political activities is pulling one way in the harness while the farmer, in pursuit of his just economic interest, is doing his best to go the other. This matter is worth thinking on steadily—at least until the light breaks on the farmer's consciousness.—Tulsa World.

Office Boy—"The boss can't see anyone today."

Caller—"Oh, well, tell him I hope his blindness is only temporary."

20 YEARS AGO

Messenger, August 7, 1903.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Lowrance of Louisiana, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Pickrell.

Frank J. Ford has returned from an extended visit to Chickasha and Kansas City.

Miss Birdie Gose returned Sunday from Krum, where she had been teaching music.

Warren Shoemaker, an employe of the Fort Worts stock yards, was in Decatur Sunday.

Miss Florence Zadik of Dallas, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. Ullman, returned home Sunday.

Miss Grace Summers of Garland, who is visiting Mrs. Chris Henderson, has been on the sick list this week.

A thirty thousand gallon cyprus stove water tower is being erected by the city on the old court house lot for the purpose of keeping the water mains full.

Mr. Dave Riley of Greenwood, and Miss Stella Lindley of this city, were married last Monday afternoon at the residence of Harley Portwood by Dr. T. R. Pierce. The couple is living in Greenwood.

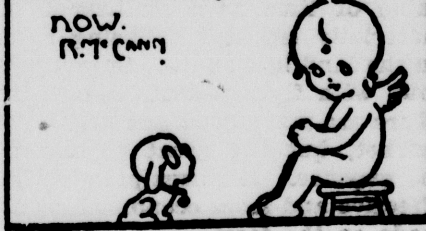
Mr. and Mrs. Marion Muncey of Slidell, were in town Tuesday. Mr. Muncey is arranging to make a nice addition to his residence. They have just returned from a visit to Collin county.

A Methodist camp meeting begins at Sand Hill, five miles southeast of town, tonight. Rev. W. M. Weatherwood will assist Pastor Vaughan in the meeting. A large attendance is expected.

Mrs. J. H. Edgar—nee Miss Ruth Milligan—daughter of T. F. Milligan of Greenwood, died at Childress yesterday. The remains were brought down on the early train this morning and carried to Greenwood, where the funeral and interment takes place this afternoon. Mrs. Edgar was well and very favorably known here, and all will be sad to learn that such a young and lovely character has met an untimely death.

THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

It isn't war and death that count—
I'm sure of that somehow.
It's how these things affect our souls
That really matters



PHOOLISHNESS

By M. Dash.

"Mummy, is it lunch time yet?"
"No, darling, not for an hour."
"Well, my tummy must be fast."

"I have kleptomania."
"What are you taking for it?"
"Everything I can lay my hands on."

Guest—"Waiter, this steak is like leather and this knife is dull."
Waiter—"Strop the knife on the steak."

Parent—"What is your reason for wishing to marry my daughter?"
Young Man—"I have no reason, sir; I am in love."

"So your husband has given up smoking. That needs a pretty strong will, doesn't it?"
"Well, I've got one!"

Doctor—"Put out your tongue—more than that—all of it."
Child—"But, doctor, I can't. It's fastened at the other end!"

The farmer took the man out to a field and started him at plowing behind two horses.

Two hours later the new farm hand returned to the house utterly exhausted. The farmer asked him how he was getting along.

"Not gettin' along at all," snapped the new man disgustedly; "how do you expect me to hold a plow with two big, strong horses trying to pull it away from me all the time?"

Joy loveth not the bleak, broad road; but its flowers are hung up on the hedges that line a narrow way.—Tupper.

We may judge of men by their conversation towards God, but never by God's dispensations toward them.—John Wesley.

Our country is the world—our countrymen are all mankind.—Garrison.

No government is safe unless it is protected by the good will of the people.—Nepos.

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BRIDGEPORT NEWS

(Index.)

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Mask left Sunday for a trip to Colorado, where they will spend a few weeks' vacation.

Rev. and Mrs. George F. Boyd visited a son in Decatur Sunday and met a delegation of friends from Tennessee and Arkansas.

Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Ne Smith went to Dallas Sunday and will leave there Tuesday for a visit to their former home in Alabama.

Owen Funk has resigned his position as local manager for the Hardin Lumber Company at Paradise and is contemplating an extended vacation in New Mexico.

Charley Cassino, a Mexican living on the west side, was shot at his home Saturday evening. A twenty-two calibre bullet entered his wrist and caused a painful wound, but it is not considered serious.

Crop prospects in the Bridgeport country are better than for several years and cotton picking will begin the latter part of this month. There will be an abundance of corn made and all feed crops are splendid.

V. I. Pucini, a prominent oil man of Ardmore, Oklahoma, was here last Friday, returning to his home Saturday. His two little daughters, who have been here visiting their grandparents, Rev. and Mrs. George F. Boyd, accompanied him home.

The big two day picnic under the auspices of the Farm Labor Union was pulled off Thursday and Friday of last week and was one of the most pleasant and successful occasions of this nature ever seen in Bridgeport. Notwithstanding the excessive heat, the people were here from all points of Wise and adjoining counties. Several prominent speakers were here from various portions of the state, among them leaders in the organization, and much valuable information to the farmers was gained by the membership of Farm Labor Union.

PARADISE NEWS

Lon Baker was in Bridgeport Friday on business.

Jim Jones is here from West Texas on a visit to relatives.

Little Dorothy Daugherty has been quite sick for the past week.

Roy C. Coffee of Decatur, was the week-end guest of his parents north of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dodd and family of White Deer, are here on a visit to relatives.

Miss Lorene St. Clair of Decatur, is here on a visit to her friend, Miss Movelda Frost.

Leeman Jay is here from Fort Worth, visiting his grandmother, Mrs. E. S. Wright.

Dr. Krell and family of Fort Worth were Sunday guests in the home of Dr. and Mrs. T. B. Peek.

Mrs. Effie Price, county superintendent of schools, was here from Decatur Saturday evening.

Homer Peek went to Fort Worth last week to see the baseball games between the Panthers and Beaumont.

Dowden Harris was here last week from Ryan, Oklahoma, where he is in the employ of the Rick Island railroad station there.

Jappie Harris is at home from a Fort Worth sanitarium, where he underwent an operation for appendicitis several weeks previous.

Nute Dodd went to Waxahachie last week to bring home his two little daughters who have been there on a visit to relatives for some time.

The little six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dodd, who was thought to be seriously injured last week from the kick of a horse, is recovering rapidly.

Professor J. U. Thompson of Decatur, is conducting a ten night singing school at this place. At the close of the school Thursday night a pin social will be given.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keller and son, Victor, of Newark, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Siddons. Miss Velma Matheson has been in Decatur, visiting with her sister, Mrs. Glenn Rieger.

Owing to unavoidable circumstance work on the Hunter well, which is being drilled on the Hines & Embury land here, has been closed down for the past few weeks, but it is rumored here that drilling will be resumed soon. At the last report a depth of between eighteen hundred and two thousand feet had been reached. No better indications for oil have been found than that encountered in the Hunter well and by the finding of some oil in the Keystone and gas in the Carey and the Hunter well being located between the two wells, it is believed that within a few more hundred feet oil will be found in paying quantities.

Who Wants Fine Player Piano at Bargain?

We have a beautiful Hartford player, in genuine mahogany, with all late improvements; bench to match, and collection of latest rolls. Also an upright Maynard piano, used in a teachers' studio, but in splendid condition. We will dispose of either of these instrument at bargain prices and on easy terms if desired.

Address at once Brook Mays & Company, the reliable piano house, 1107 Houston street, Fort Worth, Texas.—Adv. (Aug 10-24)

CHICO NEWS

(Review.)

News from Austin is to the effect that the Pasteur Institute there is crowded with patients having been bitten my ribbled dogs. A worthless dog is about the most worthless animal in the lot and they are the kind that usually have the most dreaded disease known, rabies.

The little son of Ed Whetsell, living near Park Springs, was bitten on the head by a dog belonging to the family one day last week. The dog was killed and the head sent to Fort Worth for examination. Indications were that the dog had rabies, and the child was brought to Chico for treatment. Dr. Jennings is giving the Pasteur treatment here. The little fellow seems to be getting along all right.

W. U. Blocker, who has been near Iowa Park threshing grain, came in Thursday morning and reported the loss of his thresher and about seven or eight hundred bushels of wheat belonging to a renter, Ed Hilerman. In some way one of the stacks caught fire and six stacks of wheat and the machine and separator were entirely destroyed. No insurance was carried. They had already threshed eight hundred and ten bushels which was placed in a grainery and was saved.

On Wednesday, August 1st, in the afternoon quite a crowd gathered at the Presbyterian church here for the annual water-melon slicing and old folks' picnic. The exercises opened by singing and prayer. The welcome address was delivered by J. C. Gann in a way to make everyone feel welcome. A solo by Homer Jones and a duet by Homer Jones and Miss Vesta Watson were well received by the music lovers present. Professor C. C. Bock made quite an interesting talk while the crowd was waiting for Congressman Guinn Williams, County Agent W. M. Love and Miss Jewell Taylor, county home demonstration agent, who were present by special invitation and made splendid talks to the farmers and the girls and boys of the farm. These people are doing splendid work among the girls and boys on the farms. Congressman Williams was introduced by Professor Bock, and our representative in congress made a splendid horse sense speech to those present, and his talk was well received.

Notice to Contractors.

Sealed bids will be received by the commissioners' court of Wise county, at Decatur, Texas, until one o'clock p. m. on Tuesday, September 11th, 1923, for the construction of 10.3 miles of county highway from Chico to Montague county line; bids to be addressed to S. M. Ward, county judge, and filed with the county clerk.

A certified check made payable to S. M. Ward, county judge, for five per cent of the amount of the bid shall be filed with each bid.

Successful bidder will be required to give a good and sufficient bond in the full amount of the contract price executed by some surety company to do business in the state of Texas.

The commissioners' court reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The plans, specifications and estimated quantities may be seen at the office of county engineer at Decatur, Texas. (Aug 10-31)

Card of Thanks..

We wish to take this opportunity of expressing our heart-felt thanks and appreciation to our many friends who ministered unto us during our sickness and who spoke words of comfort and cheer during the dark days thru which we have just passed. And to the court we also wish to extend our thanks for the fair consideration shown. Never were friends more loyal and true than those of ours have been. We are made to realize more than ever that "a friend in need is a friend indeed."

TOM R. BURNETT AND FAMILY.

Ginning Notice.

Our plant is ready to gin and will be managed this year by Mr. Dave Kerr, who will be assisted in the office by Mrs. Milligan. Mr. Gerguson will have charge of mechanical end, while Mr. Fred Hachtel will be at the gin stands—thus our patrons will be assured of good work and courteous treatment, and we wish to thank our many customers for their liberal patronage in the past and take this method of soliciting a fair share of your future business.

Very truly yours,
MILLIGAN GIN COMPANY.

Budweiser

ON

TAP

B. B. Sellars

Next to Foster's Wagon Yard

ALVORD NEWS

(News.)

Fred Stockton had the misfortune of getting his foot hurt on Saturday morning.

Mrs. M. L. Wallis of Decatur, is here visiting her sister, Mrs. W. E. Vermillion, and family.

Charles Luther's son was carried to Fort Worth Sunday afternoon. He was in a serious condition. Mrs. Luther left Monday afternoon to be with her son.

Miss Ida Mae Jones and Mr. Jack Harkey of Bellevue, were married on last Saturday, the ceremony taking place in Bellevue. Miss Jones is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jones of Alvord. It was quite a surprise to her parents, as they knew nothing about the contemplated wedding.

On Wednesday morning, Miss Lois Peyton and Mr. Arthur Stafford were united in marriage at the Decatur First Baptist church, Rev. J. L. Ward officiating. After the ceremony, they returned to the bride's home near Alvord, where a bountiful dinner was served to a number of relatives and friends.

Newark News.

Miss Lenora Rogers has returned home, after a month's visit with relatives in Fort Worth.

Mrs. G. W. Doughty, has returned from a visit with friends and relatives in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Anglain had as their guests last week the former's mother of Fort Worth.

Mrs. Essie Lee Petty of Boyd, was a recent guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bennett.

Mr. Kenneth Ford of Fort Worth, spent Sunday in Newark with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Anglain.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Richardson and family are spending this week in Santa Anna with Mr. Richardson's father.

Miss Ruth Rogers has returned to her home here after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. N. George of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Siddons and small daughter, Anita Jay, of Chico, visited their many friends in Newark recently.

Avery Raspberry and family moved last week to their new home in Fort Worth. Newark regrets to lose these valuable citizens.

Messrs. Roy Furr and Wayman Rogers of Kirkland, visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Rogers, last week.

Miss Nell Hudson, who attended summer session of Texas Woman's College, is at home for a short vacation before entering for the fall term.

Instructors in the Newark school for the coming year will be Mr. Bonnie St. Clair, a capable young man of Decatur, Miss Magnolia Flowers of Chico, Miss Della Brock of Fort Worth, and Miss Jewel Gillenwater of this place.

Miss Bonnie Hudson of this place, and Mr. J. W. McKay of Fort Worth, were quietly married at the Rhome Methodist parsonage by Rev. E. G. Roberts Saturday night, July 21st. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Hudson of this place, and is popular among her many friends here. The groom is a progressive citizen of Fort Worth, where they are now making their home.

Word has been received in Newark that Miss Jewel Morgan and Mr. W. M. Casburn was united in marriage at Fort Worth recently. Mrs. Casburn was a former resident of this city, having made her home with her parents here. Friends also learned of the marriage of Miss Julia London of Burleson, formerly of this place, to Mr. Elbert Shannon of that city. Congratulations are extended to these couples as they start life's journey together.

The sensational super-special of the day at the Majestic tonight entitled "Over the Hill." See it.

ANNUAL CHECKER TOURNAMENT OF STATE

The eleventh annual checker tournament of the Texas State Checker Association will be held August 14th and 15th, 1923, at the Y. M. C. A. building, 1910 Commerce street in Dallas, Texas.

The tourney games will begin at one o'clock p. m. Tuesday and all entries for participation must be received not later than three o'clock p. m. on Tuesday. The regular two move restrictions will be used in the openings of the tourney games.

It is not necessary that those attending this meeting be experts. Anyone interested in the game will be warmly welcomed and amateurs, however little they may know, will find others in their class with whom they may enjoy friendly games with both pleasure and profit. We invite all friends of the game to attend and join our association. The membership fee is only fifty cents per annum and no other dues.

All members are urged to be present and bring at least one interested friend; making this a successful and memorable event in the history of the association.

DISTRICT W. M. U.'S MEET AUGUST 21-23

The Baptist Woman's Missionary Unions of the Fort Worth district, of which Wise county is a member, will hold their annual encampment at Weatherford on August 21st, 22nd and 23rd, 1923. Holland Lake will be the location for the encampment. Every phase of the woman's work will be stressed with classes for laymen, women and young people.

Mrs. W. C. Batdorff of Decatur, will speak during the meeting on the subject, "The Black Bearded Barbarian." Mrs. R. E. Gibson of Chico, will have charge of a devotion service for one day's session. Prominent men and women from all over the south will be in attendance, and a large delegation is expected to go from Wise county.

Judge—"Twenty years at hard labor."

Prisoner—"All I have to say is that you are mighty liberal with another man's time."

Queer Feelings

"Some time ago, I was very irregular," writes Mrs. Cora Robie, of Pikeville, Ky. "I suffered a great deal, and knew I must do something for this condition. I suffered mostly with my back and a weakness in my limbs. I would have dreadful headaches. I had hot flashes and very queer feelings, and oh, how my head hurt! I read of

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The Women's Tonic

and of others, who seemed to have the same troubles I had, being benefited, so I began to use it. I found it most beneficial. I took several bottles . . . and was made so much better I didn't have any more trouble of this kind. It regulated me."

Cardui has been found very helpful in the correction of many cases of painful female disorders, such as Mrs. Robie mentions above. If you suffer as she did, take Cardui—a purely vegetable, medicinal tonic, in use for more than 40 years. It should help you.

Sold Everywhere.

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START WITH FARM LIVESTOCK SLOWLY

It is well to start slowly with livestock on a farm which hitherto has been cowless, sowless and henless. The start with hens is easy and can be made at comparatively little expense. Pullets may be bought from a neighbor whose hens lay eggs. The hen house may be built of scrap lumber and cheap material after the plans so often described in poultry magazines. The total outlay of cash will be small.

Finding the right sort of milk cow is not so easy and there is where mistakes often are made. But it usually is possible to find somewhere in the neighborhood a cow which will submit to milking. Feed, care and regular milking usually work great wonders with such cows. Heifers from pure-bred dairy bulls out of such cows will develop into better dairy cows than those imported from the discarded cows of dairy states.

To start with hogs is easy. One bred gilt, and she should be pure-bred, will put a sowless farmer into the hog business as fast as he can get fixed to give her pigs and their pigs proper care.



FISK

TIRES

MERIDIAN GARAGE, Decatur
W. W. MORRIS, Rhome



—Young man, do you know that most gamblers die poor? Do you know that any get-rich-quick scheme is a gamble and money that comes easy goes easy?

—The vine that grows up over night is easily to be blown down, while the sturdy oak which grows slowly but surely withstands the storms.

—Plant a little money in our bank and watch the balance to your credit grow.

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"Buy It In Decatur"

ASINGS AND TUBES GREATLY REDUCED

FOR FIFTEEN DAYS BEGINNING
MONDAY, JULY 30TH

We are making some special reductions of from twenty to twenty-five per cent on all Michelin tires and tubes—

Cord Tires		
Size	List Price	Now
30x3 1/2	\$15.25	\$11.95
30x4	\$17.05	\$13.85
Tubes		
30x3 1/2	\$2.90	\$2.35

All other sizes are reduced in proportion. These are all fresh tires and these prices will last only until our present stock of them is exhausted.

SUMMIT GARAGE

LOOK! LOOK! Kelly Springfield Tires

Size	Fabric	Cord
30x3	\$ 8.75	\$
30x3 1/2	\$ 9.75	\$
30x3 1/2	over size	\$12.35
32x3 1/2	\$15.85	\$20.85
31x4	\$16.35	\$
32x4	\$18.95	\$24.25
33x4	\$19.15	\$25.25
32x4 1/2	\$	\$32.00
34x4 1/2	\$	\$32.75

T. J. Elder

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DECATUR : : : TEXAS.

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NORTH SIDE

WISE COUNTY REUNION

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Decatur, Texas

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WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, AND FRIDAY

AUGUST 22, 23, 24

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Joint management of members of Ben McCulloch Camp of ex-Confederates, Wise County American Legion, Decatur Chamber of Commerce, announce a thrilling and spectacular program for three days.

INTERESTING MUSIC PROGRAM

The musical program will be featured by selections from the famous Home Brew Orchestra of Decatur, as well as sing songs, Wise County singing classes and old fiddlers' contests.

FINE ATTRACTIONS EACH DAY

Exhibition shooting by Decatur Gun Club, games, sports and stunts, sack races, potato races, climbing greased pole, horse shoe pitching tournament and display booths. Something doing all the time—no empty moments!

NEW AND INTERESTING SHOWS

Five big interesting attractions in the show line, Jazzland minstrel, vaudeville, thirty new novelty concessions, big ferris wheel and one of the largest finest merry-go-rounds in the south!

GOOD RODEO AND WILD WEST

Gus Pickett, ex-champion cattle roper of world, will be personally in charge of this feature. A dare-devil exhibition of hair-raising bronc busting and steer riding will be given—the real stuff—no imitation—no professionalism—no worn-out horses and steers. The best rodeo north of Fort Worth! Two shows daily, afternoon and nite.

SPEAKINGS BY ABLE LEADERS

The speakers include Congressman Marvin Jones, Colonel Ed C. Wilson, representative of Farm Labor Union, Honorable Guinn Williams and other men who will be on hand to furnish varigated programs in the pavillion.

BIG AMERICAN LEGION GAMES

The Wise County Post of American Legion will play a good baseball game each day at the college park at four o'clock p. m. On the last day, August 24th, a Ford car and other valuable prizes will be given away to holders of the tickets to the baseball games.

SHADES, COMFORT, LIGHTS AND WATER

Come and camp on the grounds. Be there to enjoy all the festivities of the fun and frolic at the most beautiful park in North Texas.

The new management promises an earnest endeavor to make this a truly notable gathering. For any information apply or write to the

REUNION COMMITTEE, DECATUR

Attend Wise County's Annual Home-coming

A DETAILED PROGRAM IS NOW BEING PREPARED FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS TO BE MADE LATER

Local News

NEW FORT WORTH & DENVER TRAIN SCHEDULE.

NORTH BOUND.			
No.	Ft. Worth	Decatur	W. Falls
7—	10:45 pm	12:21 am	3:00 am
3—	7:45 am	9:16 am	11:55 am
1—	9:45 am	11:03 am	1:10 pm
5—	6:45 pm	8:16 pm	11:55 pm
SOUTH BOUND.			
No.	W. Falls	Decatur	Ft. Worth
8—	3:00 am	5:26 am	7:00 am
6—	8:00 am	10:30 am	12:01 pm
4—	1:15 pm	3:45 pm	5:15 pm
2—	2:45 pm	5:00 pm	6:20 pm

Mmes. F. P. Timberlake of Wichita Falls, Z. F. Lillard and B. F. Grubbs and Tom Rush were Fort Worth visitors Tuesday.

Professor Manie Trussell and family of Minden, Louisiana, are here this week visiting relatives. Professor Trussell has been teaching in Louisiana for several years.

Miss Ida Hasty of Perkins-Timberlake Company, has been spending her vacation with relatives at Sunset.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Matthews have returned to Decatur from a stay at Nocona.

N. P. Crabtree and family spent several days in Denton and Fort Worth.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Williams of Wichita Falls, on Tuesday, August 7th, 1923, a son.

The American Legion baseball team left yesterday for Weatherford where they played the ball team there one game. The Weatherford team will come here for games during the Wise county reunion. Following are the players who made the trip yesterday: Coach John Gunn; Renshaw, catcher; Nobles and Lillard, pitchers; Petty, short stop; Blankenship, second base; Rogers, third base; Norwood, Green, Clay and Sensibough, fielders.

Misses Lucille and Luzelle Belew of Thalia, have been visiting relatives here.

Miss Katie Burns of San Francisco, California, has been visiting friends in this city.

Ralph Evans and family left last Wednesday for a visit to Alvord.

Mrs. J. W. Smith and daughter, Marion, are visiting in Fort Worth.

John and Miss Lee Gentry were Fort Worth visitors Wednesday.

Mrs. M. B. Smith spent Wednesday and Thursday visiting her father in Henrietta.

Jack Rudd and family of Greenwood, were in Genrose last week.

J. E. Stockton and family visiting relatives in Fort Worth Sunday.

Rev. J. H. Heathington on last Sunday night closed a revival at the Pleasant Grove Baptist church, six miles below Decatur. The meeting proved successful and several new members were received into the local church there.

Bill Pennick and family left on Wednesday morning for a trip to Baylor county.

Mrs. Lula McCracken of Springtown, is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. M. A. Taylor.

C. C. Lewis and family were in Fort Worth Sunday.

The duck season opens this fall in Wise county on October 1st and closes on January 15th.

Deputy Game Warden Dave Breedlove was at home this week after a tour of Northwest Texas.

Mrs. Butler Splawn and daughter, Miss Ruth, spent the past two weeks in Glenrose.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Muncey of Celina, were here last week visiting in the homes of J. D. Hoyt and J. A. Christian.

J. H. Moore and family of Childress, visited here last week.

Mrs. J. A. Simpson and children are spending several weeks with Mr. Simpson at Rockport.

Gene Stokes and family have returned from a trip to New Mexico.

Miss Rena Moore has returned from spending the past two months in Colorado.

Ray Christian and Carl Carpenter left this week for a stay of two weeks in the Panhandle.

Jack Rieger and family and Dick Rieger and family spent Sunday in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Charles Ross and Miss Audrey Dunn were Fort Worth visitors last Sunday.

New entrance steps to the Baptist church have just been completed.

The oil for the streets has arrived from Beaumont and the work of laying the dust is now being done. The public square was treated to an oiling Monday night, and several of the streets leading from the square are to be treated.

Tom L. Ball returned on Tuesday from several weeks' visit in Archer county.

Jess Milton and A. E. Ketchum are back from a stay in Archer county.

Judge W. D. Paschall has returned from several weeks' stay in Mineral Wells.

The Decatur district farm labor union members have shipped several cars of melons from Decatur during the past two weeks. The price received was one dollar per hundred pounds f. o. b. Decatur.

Mrs. J. L. Watson, former citizen of this community, has been visiting here from her home in Frederick, Oklahoma.

J. A. Wasson has returned from a visit to Wichita, Kansas.

Attorney M. W. Burch made a business trip to Corpus Christi this week.

Professor Claud Dillehay and family have been here this week from Denton.

J. L. Crawford of Bridgeport, writes the Messenger that he has tendered his resignation as justice of the peace of precinct seven to the commissioners' court of Wise county, to take effect on Monday, August 13th. The court will appoint a successor to Mr. Crawford at the next regular session.

Gordon Roberts and Carl Carpenter were Fort Worth visitors Sunday.

Miss Grace Morgan of San Angelo, has been the guest of Miss Myrtle Miles.

Mrs. F. J. Barnett of Graham, is here visiting relatives.

Dewey Mann and family have returned to Decatur after a stay in Electra.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Walker on Thursday, August 2nd, 1923, a daughter.

A committee composed of Rev. J. W. Slagle, Guinn Williams, E. L. Brandenburg and W. A. Hughes went to Fort Worth Thursday to endeavor to arrange a more convenient date for the beginning of the Methodist protracted meeting, dates of which conflict with the date set for the Wise county reunion.

Mrs. C. C. Henderson has returned from an extended visit in Denton and Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Harris are visiting at Mr. Harris' old home in South Carolina.

A daughter was born Monday to Mr. and Mrs. Lois Lively in Bonham.

Will Renshaw and family will move to one of Uncle Ad Renshaw's farms east of town in a few days. Will is a good farmer and he believes that the rural life is more conducive to health and happiness and prosperity than town life.

Honorable W. I. Watts of Cleburne was last week visiting his brother, M. L. Watts. The two brothers spent several days visiting their mother in Clay county.

Miss Marie Walker has returned to her home in Dallas after a visit to relatives here.

Messenger is requested to announce that Captain Dalrymple of Fort Worth, will speak on the public square Saturday afternoon. His talk will be a reply to the charges made here in an address Tuesday night by Rev. M. C. Eidson, who delivered a speech on "Shall America be ruled by the Pope of Rome or by Jesus Christ?"

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lillard, Mrs. Steve Lillard Jr. and Miss Wynelle Henderson attended the style show in Dallas Wednesday.

Mrs. H. M. Tannahill of Henrietta, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Ira Long.

Miss Maud Riley, a former Decatur girl, was married to Mr. L. B. Carr at Fort Worth on July 26th. Mr. and Mrs. Carr will make their home in Grafton. The bride is well known here, but has resided in Jacksboro for a number of years. She has many good friends here who join the messenger in congratulations.

Mrs. Edgar Young has been visiting in Temple, Oklahoma.

Ben Hambricht and family of Roanoke, have been the guests of the family of W. A. Helm.

Joe Jennings and family were here Sunday from Electra.

Mrs. E. B. Melton attended the style show in Dallas this week.

Mrs. T. J. Elder has returned from a visit to points in Kentucky.

Misses Hazel and Helen Hobbs of Sherman, are visiting the Misses Slagle.

Henry Madden and family of Fort Worth, visited homefolks here last Sunday.

M. L. Wallis, one of the most progressive farmers in this section, last week brought to this office a display of three varieties of corn raised this year on his farm west of Decatur. Mr. Wallis will have a splendid display of farm products for the coming county fair.

Joe Powell and family of Collin county, are guests of Mrs. J. T. Potts.

W. H. Spencer and wife of Mangum, Oklahoma, and J. M. Spencer and daughter, Miss Marie, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Mont Foster.

Miss Mattie Baits is visiting in Denton.

Mrs. Bob Crozier of Frederick, Oklahoma, is here visiting relatives and friends.

Professor and Mrs. S. R. Spencer of Waco, are here for a visit.

Mrs. E. Brown of Carrizo Springs, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. L. Wooldridge.

Wolves are reported doing serious depredations a few miles southwest of town. H. C. Van reports that he has lost a large number of turkeys by raids made by wolves. Hunters are making preparations to give the wolves a chase. Mr. Van states they are more numerous this year than for many years and the losses sustained by the farmers in this section run high.

R. A. and J. J. Rieger were in Dallas Wednesday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. D. Pinkerton on Wednesday, August 8th, 1923, a son.

Walter Stokes was in Fort Worth yesterday.

Harry Evans left yesterday for the Eldorado, Arkansas, oil fields, where he has extensive interests.

Jack Rieger leaves this week for eastern markets to purchase fall and winter goods for Rieger Brothers dry goods store here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hughes of Galveston, have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Bass.

Mrs. Jack Ball and daughter of Comanche, Oklahoma, and Mrs. B. M. Karr of Bowie, are visiting their mother, Mrs. J. C. Dunaway.

Mrs. W. E. D. Johnston and children of Temple, are visiting in the home of her sister, Mrs. M. M. New. Mrs. Johnston will be remembered by her friends as Miss Roby Stanton, daughter of the late Rev. R. R. Stanton.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gentry and Mrs. V. M. Rhine left Wednesday for a visit to relatives in Quanah.

Lon Mann was here Wednesday from Vernon.

A much needed organization was formed in Decatur Saturday of last week, a local dairy men's organization, the Decatur Dairy Association, designed to promote in every way the interests of local milk and cream producers. D. B. Gilliland was elected president, Fred Thomas, secretary-treasurer and Z. W. Petree, John Dickson and Hub Dillehay, executive committee.

Norman Huddleston was here this week from Dallas.

Mrs. M. E. Belew is visiting relatives in Vernon.

A number of Decatur boosters for the reunion and rodeo to be held here on August 22nd, 23rd and 24th.

Meals, home style cooking, thirty-five cents. Special rate of five dollars a week for regular meals. First door west of post office. Mrs. Bob Short.

will go to Denton today to attend the picnic there and advertise the Decatur entertainment.

Earl McCracken was here this week from Wichita Falls.

Mrs. A. S. Martin leaves this week for a visit to friends in Abilene.

W. A. and H. M. Helm were in Dallas Tuesday.

Joe Willhite returned Wednesday to her home in Dallas after a visit to relatives here.

City Marshal Green Standley and Ray Christian were in Chico Sunday.

Miss Gladys Granberry was here Wednesday en route to her home in Venus after a visit to friends in Chico. She was accompanied home by Miss Lana Hanna of Chico.

County Assessor Nobles was in Venus this week.

CUPID'S CAPERS

Arthur Stafford and Miss Lois Peyton.

Bonnie Davis and Miss Nannie Ince, George Hill and Miss Mary Shelton, W. A. Bird and Mrs. Edna Hileman, G. R. Paine and Miss Evelyn Hurley.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible school at ten o'clock sharp. Let everyone practice our motto: "Every member a personal worker." A business meeting will be held after the communion service. Every member of the church is requested to be present.

A. L. ALLAND, Superintendent
W. P. THURMOND, Chairman of Board.

Weatherford College Holds Highest Rank

With the election of sixteen very strong teachers to its faculty, and receiving the rank of a first-class junior college from the Texas association of colleges, Weatherford College now holds the highest possible rating with the state association, the state department of education and the general board of education of the Southern Methodist church.

The faculty is headed by R. G. Boger, A. M., of Southwestern University, who has been president of a strong junior college for the past five years. Every literary teacher has an A. B. degree and has an A. M. degree or has his work almost completed for the A. M. degree. The commercial department is headed by T. H. Gatlin, for the past five years president of the Texas Business College. The fine arts faculty consists of teachers who have had the best training in America and separate teachers for the following departments: Piano, voice, art, expression, violin and military band instruments. Mr. Conway E. King will have charge of the band and will give instruction in the band instruments. Mr. King is the present director of the championship band of Texas.

The following football coaching staff has been selected: H. J. Gregory of Southwestern University, director of athletics; Sam Leiper, strong tackle of Texas A. & M. last season, line coach; W. F. Richards, quarterback and end of Auburn, assistant coach.

With such a line-up, and because the administration has arranged for room and board at from twenty to twenty-five dollars a month, Weatherford College expects a boomer year next season. A catalogue and general information will be gladly sent upon inquiry.—Adv.

BUSINESS HOUSES TO CLOSE DURING HARDING FUNERAL

On the first page of this issue of the Messenger will be found program to be given at the Methodist church this Friday afternoon. The following has been issued by Mayor J. E. Douglass of Decatur:

Proclamation.
As mayor of the city of Decatur, I call upon all our people to gather at the First Methodist church on this Friday afternoon at two o'clock to do honor to the memory of our deceased president, Warren G. Harding, and I ask that all places of business be closed during this hour in order that all may have the opportunity to attend the memorial services.

Respectfully,
J. E. DOUGLASS, Mayor.

CLASSIFIED ADVS.

1c Per Word
—CASH IN ADVANCE—
No Ad Taken for Less Than 25c.

WANTED.

WANTED—A place to stay and work for my board and go to Decatur Baptist College; young man, nineteen years of age; ambitious to work for my board.—THADYUS R. OLDNER, Box No. 4, Justin, Texas. (32)

FOR RENT.

ROOM AND BOARD for school girls; convenient to both schools. See Miss SALLIE MITCHELL, on South Miller street. (32-4f)

FOR RENT—Five rooms, furnished or unfurnished; pleasant location; near college; rates reasonable.—J. H. McCARTER, Decatur. (32)

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—Eight-room residence and fifteen acres of land on North Trinity street; on Meridian highway; good location for filling station.—J. RIEGER, at Rieger Brothers' Dry Goods Store, Decatur. (34)

FOR SALE—One hundred and thirty acre farm; best of improvements; four miles north of Decatur; good community.—J. C. DUNAWAY, Decatur. (32)

FOR SALE—Registered pointed female pups. Apply this office. (33)

FOR SALE—One fifty egg incubator, good as new; have only made two matches with it.—J. H. WILLIAMSON, rural letter carrier route four, Decatur. (32)

FOR SALE—Piano, in splendid condition, at reasonable price.—MABLE ACTON, two miles north of Decatur, route five, S. W. phone 136-13. (32)

LOST.
STRAYED—Four Poland China pigs, two months old, from my home in South Decatur.—M. GREGG, Decatur. (33)

"Over the Hill" at the Majestic Tonight

"Over the Hill," to be seen at the Majestic tonight, is said to be one of the best pictures ever exhibited in Texas. It had a five weeks' run in Los Angeles, California.

"That's Bill Fligh, the aviator. He is the guy that used to write ads in the sky in smoke."
"Isn't he doing that any more?"
"No, had to give it up. He got writer's cramp."

REMOVAL NOTICE
FRANK J. FORD
Attorney,
Office in Masonic Bldg.

Farm Loans

—The Federal Land Bank of Houston offers loans to farmers on conservative values with liberal dependable service. Write or see W. P. Thurmond, secretary-treasurer, Decatur National Farm Loan Association.



—We point to the above because it is the most important thing to consider in buying clothes. Once you've solved that question everything else will come easy.

—Nobody disputes the merit of clothes that are made to order, but many men hesitate because they think it costs more. We say no!

—You will pay fifty dollars for a good ready-made suit and right here we can make to your measure a super-fine suit for fifty dollars—or you can go down to only twenty-eight dollars if you want to. Why hesitate?

Hardwick & Nobles

Change of Firm

—We wish to announce that F. M. "Son" Kenny has acquired the interest of E. W. Bass in the Eagle Drug House. The business will still be carried on in the same serviceable way as heretofore, being no other change in the firm other than the disposal of Mr. Bass' interest to Mr. Kenny.

—Mr. Kenny is an experienced drug man, having begun his business career in his store a number of years ago under W. B. Man, and is well acquainted with the local conditions.

—We wish to thank the people for the very generous patronage that has always been accorded this store and to solicit its continuance.

The Eagle Drug House
South Side Sq.  Decatur, Texas

RHOME PAGE

E. Z. SIMMONS

—and—

R. P. SAMUELS

Contractors, Builders, Painters and
Paper Hangers

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Welding and Machine Work
Disc Grinding

Troxell Brothers

"Trade in Rhome!"

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General Merchandise

Buy at home—see what
you buy and get the best
for the price—no matter
what the price may be!Highest Prices Paid for Produce
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Fresh Meat, Cold Drinks

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Please pay your past-due accounts.

BROWN'S CONFECTIONERY AND
BARBER SHOP.Cleaning—Pressing—Suits to Order
Buy M. Bohn & Company suits
and get good service.

—Main Street—

BROWN'S RESTAURANT AND
CONFECTIONERY.

—Bread and Meats—

Near Rhome Garage on East Front

Insurance that Insures!

A. B. VAN METER

Plenty of 6 Per Cent Money to Loan
on Farm Land.

"Trade In Rhome!"

W. W. MORRIS

Lumber and General
Merchandise

BRING YOUR CREAM TO RHOME!

"Trade in Rhome"

The Rhome Garage services are al-
ways at your command.
Your patronage will be greatly
appreciated.

RHOME GARAGE

MEAT AND BREAD!

S. L. Leonard

"Trade in Rhome"

FOR SALE

One French Burr corn mill; cost
\$375.00 new; will take \$50.00.
One eight-inch steel Burr feed mill,
will take \$20.00. Also Ford en-
gine, \$15.00.

—Phone or write—

E. C. TROXELL

Rhome, Texas.

Rhome News.

Zack Bobo Jr. made a business trip
to Bowie Thursday.C. B. Walker has been visiting
relatives in Waxahachie.Mrs. Laura Andrews left Saturday
for a visit with relatives at Miles.Chester January of Krum, was a
guest in the Barker home Sunday.Frank Slay of Dallas, spent Sat-
urday with Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Slay.W. J. Logan returned Monday from
a business trip to Tom Green county.Miss Maggie Svensson was in Deca-
tur Monday, having dental work
done.Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Slipp and fam-
ily spent Sunday in Fort Worth with
relatives.Misses Mable and Marie Knowles
are in Sanger this week, guests of
relatives.Mrs. R. J. Anderson was called
to Temple on account of the death
of her father.Mrs. John Naugle and little son
of Saginaw, were week-end guests of
relatives here.Miss Francis Cates, who has been
in Dallas for some weeks, returned
home Saturday.L. R. Randolph and family have
returned from a trip to Mineral Wells
and other points.Mr. and Mrs. Carl Slay entertained
as their guest last week Miss Ola
Hooser of Frost.Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reynolds of
Corsicana, were week-end guests of
Miss Georgia Beard.Mrs. J. Earl Dauglass of Decatur,
was guest several days last week of
Mrs. A. B. Van Meter.Beryl Douglas was in Fort Worth
Friday on business connected with
the First National Bank.Mrs. W. L. Renshaw and children
returned Friday from a two weeks'
visit with relatives at Cason.Mrs. J. P. Bowlin and Miss Ruth
Van Meter were in Decatur Wednes-
day, having dental work done.Mrs. W. S. Wilson and daughter,
Miss Katherine, of Elma, were guests
of Mrs. Mary Troxell on Wednesday.Miss Lucille Morris, after spending
three weeks with Miss Maggie Morris,
returned Sunday to her home in Fort
Worth.Misses Lillian and Lois Averitt of
Sanger, were guests last week of
Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Knowles and
family.Mr. and Mrs. E. Dantel of Colonial
Beach, Virginia, arrived Sunday for
a visit with Mr. Daniel's mother, Mrs.
J. T. Weems.Miss Gladys Troxell was in Valley
View last week for a couple of days,
guest in the home of Rev. and Mrs.
W. A. Binyon.Dale Mayers, who has been a resi-
dent of Gary, Indiana, for the past
several months, is spending a few
weeks with friends in Rhome.Misses Maude and Roxie Morris
of Fort Worth, are visiting young
friends here, and attending the Bap-
tist meeting which is in progress.W. E. Horton has moved his family
from south of town to the Hudson
house, where they will be nearer the
school, churches and business section.Rev. E. G. Roberts and son, Samuel
have returned from a visit to Paris.
They were accompanied on their
return home by E. G. Roberts Jr. of
Paris.Misses Ethleen Redford of Boyd
and Grace Kelly of Alvarado, were
recent guests of Miss Ann Bobo.Miss Bobo entertained them with an
outing to Glenrose.Mr. W. M. Love and Miss Jewell L.
Taylor will hold an all day poultry
culling demonstration at the J. D.
Burch farm the last week in August.
The exact date will be announced
later.Mrs. W. E. Horton and daughters,
Misses Ethel and Mozell, Mrs. I. R.
Williams and Miss Eula Mae Ren-
shaw went to Decatur last Friday.The Misses Horton had their tonsils
removed and are convalescing nicely.Our First National Bank has been
"spring house cleaning" under the
expert hands of Simmons & Samuels.The interior has been painted, pow-
dered and marbled, with a new sign
in front, which is a joy to beholders.Our genial cashier, Mr. Douglas, and
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LOST

In Rhome, Texas, on Trades Day,
August 7th—one gold pin medal
with insignia—"Sybil
1921
Reading."

If found, please return to

Miss Sybil Terry

Pioneer Citizen Dies.

Mrs. E. A. Wright, another pioneer
citizen of Wise county, died at her
home in South Rhome last Saturday
morning, August 4th, 1923, at three
o'clock. Mrs. Wright lived here for
some fifty-odd years, her farm home
being located in the Fairview com-
munity. She moved to Rhome some
fifteen years ago, and since living
here, as well as in her former home,
she has endeared herself to the many
friends who bore evidence of their
love and respect for her in the ten-
derness of ministrations during her
last illness.She leaves a family of children
who were devoted to their mother,
one son and four daughters—V. C.
Wright, Mrs. W. W. Layfield and Mrs.
Morrest Stevenson of Rhome; Mrs.
John Horris of Olney; and Mrs.
Robert Stephens of Denoya, Okla-
homa.Funeral services were conducted
at the Methodist church on Sunday
afternoon by Pastor E. G. Roberts.
An eulogy of friendship was given
by a friend of many years, Rev. C. J.
Van Meter. The choir was in charge
of Professor John Sparks and Mrs.
Lorena Walcott Barker, Fort Worth.
The remains were interred in the
family burying grounds in Fairview
cemetery.

Aurora News.

Mrs. George Wilmett of Fort
Worth, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs.
W. M. Slipp.E. H. Baugh and family of Fort
Worth, spent Friday with friends
and relatives.Mr. and Mrs. Cowan Greer of
Crowell are here visiting Mrs. Greer's
sister, Mrs. Luke Neel.W. A. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. W. N.
Yant of Fairview, were guests of
friends at the picnic Thursday.Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Stephens and
children of Fort Worth, spent Sun-
day with Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Sephens.Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Norwood and
family of Fort Worth, were week-end
guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs.
W. H. McGoodwin.Mr. Jack Smith had as guests last
week his sisters, Misses Minnie and
Myrtle Smith, of Midlothian, and
Messrs. Bert McGoodwin and Lewis
Eskridge.Miss Corrinne Reid, who repre-
sented Wise county in the clothing
contest at A. & M. College, spent
several days with her aunt, Mrs. John
O. Donnell of Fort Worth, en route
home.Miss Florence Brammer left last
week for a visit with friends and
relatives in Houston. She was
accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Ed
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lowing persons from Aurora received
prizes: Mrs. W. M. Slipp, best cake,
one dollar; Mrs. W. M. Slipp, saw-
ing contest, one dollar; Taft Slipp,
sack race, one dollar; Mrs. S. J.
Brammer, best tomatoes, one dollar;
Mrs. B. W. Stephens, best light rolls,
one twenty-four pound sack Queen
Quality flour; Richard Byrom, best
melon, one dollar; Blanche Butler,
first lucky number, five dollars;
Ben Brammer, lucky number, one
dollar; Ruth Norman, lucky number,
one dollar; E. F. Smith, lucky num-
ber, one dollar; Sid McGoodwin,
third place, horse first place and also
\$3.80 purse in rodeo.Misses Florence Brammer left last
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Fairview News.

Mr. Lewis and son, Bob, motored
to Keller Sunday.Miss Mabel Wilson of Rhome, spent
Saturday night with Miss Kate Yant.The young folks enjoyed a singing
at Miss Lena Tucker's Sunday night.We are glad to report that Bob
Lewis has recovered from a recent
illness.Miss Catherine Yant and brother,
Curtis, have returned from a visit
with relatives at Kaufman.Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Salmons and
family of Clarendon, were visitors in
the Jackson home last Sunday.Miss Lillie Bridges of Cottondale,
visited Mr. and Mrs. John Rowan
Saturday, returning home Sunday.Mr. and Mrs. Jim McKinney of
Dallas, are visiting Mrs. McKinney's
parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Carpen-
ter.Mr. Zack McKinney and son, John
Ross, of Wylie, motored to Fairview
Sunday, spending the week-end with
relatives.Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Montgomery
gave the young people a party last
Wednesday night, which was much
enjoyed by all.Mrs. H. H. Anderson returned on
Sunday from a visit with relatives in
Oklahoma. She was accompanied
home by Miss Bertha Sparkman.Misses Lois Rozelle and Gussie
Dale McKinney of Murphy, have been
the guests of Misses Birdie, Bertha
and Mae Jackson for the past week.Misses Jackson, John Ross McKin-
ney, Misses Kate Yant, Lena Tucker
and Gussie and Lois Rozelle McKinney
were callers of J. C. Roberson of
Decatur Sunday.A great trades day in Rhome Sat-
urday. It's better than a picnic for
we always bring home some prizes
and the social meetings are great.A partial list of those who attended
trades day follows: Jess and Sol
Carpenter, Misses Jackson, Lois Mc-
Kinney, Tom, Bob and Ed Lewis,
Frank and Marlin Sneppard, Otis
and Overia Stegall, Mr. and Mrs.
Math Miles, Misses Elizabeth and
Fannie Miles, Mrs. W. N. Miles, Mr.
and Mrs. C. C. Montgomery, Jim
Lewis, John Rowan and wife, J. H.
Troxell and family, Mr. and Mrs.
J. H. Summers, Ruth and Marvin
King, Harvey King, John Petros, W.
M. Yant and children, Bill Sanders
and wife and others too numerous to
mention.

Trades Day.

The vast crowd that thronged the
streets of our little city last Saturday
on the occasion of the fourth monthly
trades day put a chill in the "I
thought so's" and the "what did I
tell you's" on the question of the
feasibility of attempting a thing of
this kind in Rhome, for a perusal of
the attendance records of the four
events already held shows a gratify-
ing result since the number entering
our gates last Saturday was prac-
tically four times as many as entered
upon the date of the initial trial of
the project. There is now no doubt
in the mind of anyone that Rhome
has the best attraction to offer her
trades days of any other town in this
part of the country.In accordance with the plan to
vary the program from time to time
in order to stimulate interest and to
meet the desires and needs of as
large a number of our friends and
patrons as possible several new and
untried features were added on last
Saturday.The one dollar prize for the largest
water-melon was taken by Mr. Tom
Byrom of Aurora; Mrs. W. M. Slipp
took first prize for the best cake;
Mrs. L. T. Green won the forty-eight
pound sack of Queen Quality offered
by the Rhome Milling Company for
the best loaf of bread; Mrs. B. W.
Stephens took first prize with her
plate of light rolls and received a
twenty-four pound sack of Queen
Quality; The ladies' wood sawing
contest was won by Mrs. J. A. Evans
first, Mrs. W. M. Slipp second; Mrs.
Sam Brammer displayed the best
gallon of tomatoes.For the rodeo attraction a new
corral has been constructed and was
used last Saturday for the first time.
The rodeo always proves a drawing
card, especially to that large number
of Texans who are proud of the
traditions of the Lone Star state and
the early Texas cow man with whom
"topping them off" was a daily occu-
pation. The winners in the rodeo
were: First, A. M. Padgett; second,
Harvey Saling; third, Sid McGood-
win; best bucking horse, Sid Mc-
Goodwin.We do not intend to let success
added to coming success cause us to
slacken our pace or mark time as it
were, but our aim is to give you
something bigger and better every
month. Come and help us make it
thus next time!

Card of Thanks.

I am taking this means of thank-
ing each person who so generously
helped me secure my scholarship to
the farmers' short course at A. & M.
It is my earnest hope that I may
make your investment worth while.

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Always Confidential

Your doctor, your lawyer and your banker are men who
know many things about your personal and private affairs,
but they are duty bound to keep these things strictly secret.You must be frank with them if they are to give you
helpful service—they must understand your problems. But
they must take a keen interest in your welfare and protect
your interests carefully.

This is the policy of our bank.

We cordially invite you to talk freely about your plans or
problems. We will always take a real interest in your
welfare and help to solve your problems when we can. We
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